

Consulate General of the United States of America
St. Petersburg, Russia
Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Potential Demonstrations in St.
Petersburg

The annual “Side by Side” film festival event taking place in St. Petersburg from November 19-28 in the past it has been the target of demonstrations and threats. U.S. Citizens wishing to attend the film festival should exercise caution and evaluate their personal safety at or near the venues hosting events of the film festival and remain aware of their surroundings.

Please note the following guidance from the U.S. Department of State’s [Country Specific Information for the Russian Federation](#): **“U.S. citizens should avoid all public demonstrations, whether properly authorized by local officials or not, and avoid any large crowds and public gatherings that lack enhanced security measures.”**

U.S. citizens are reminded that even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and escalate into violence. Review your personal security plans, remain aware of your surroundings, including local events, and monitor local news stations for updates. Maintain a high level of vigilance and take appropriate steps to enhance your personal security.

For more information:

- See the [State Department's travel website](#) for the [Worldwide Caution](#), Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and [Country-Specific Information Sheet for the Russian Federation](#).
- Enroll in the [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program \(STEP\)](#) to receive security messages and make it easier to locate you in an emergency.
- **Contact the U.S. Embassy in Moscow**, located at 21 Novinsky Blvd. in Moscow, at +7 (495) 728-5577, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. weekdays or by e-mail at moscowwarden@state.gov or visit the Embassy website at <http://moscow.usembassy.gov/service.html> . **After-hours emergency number for U.S. citizens is +7 (495) 728 5000 after 6:00 p.m. and on weekends and holidays.**

- **U.S. Consulate General St. Petersburg:**

The U.S. Consulate General in St. Petersburg is located at 15 Furshatskaya Street, Tel: [+7 \(812\) 331-2600](tel:+7(812)331-2600). You may contact the Consulate's ACS unit by e-mail at StPetersburgACS@state.gov, or by fax at [+7 \(812\) 331-2646](tel:+7(812)331-2646), or visit the [Consulate website](#). **For after-hours emergencies, call [+7 \(812\) 331-2600](tel:+7(812)331-2600) and listen to the recorded message for the Duty Officer's cell phone number.**

- **U.S. Consulate General Vladivostok**

The U.S. Consulate General is located at 32 Pushkinskaya Street, Vladivostok, Russia 690001, Tel.: [+7 \(423\) 230-0070](tel:+7(423)230-0070), fax: [+7 \(423\) 230-0091](tel:+7(423)230-0091), **Emergency telephone: [+7 \(914\) 791-0067](tel:+7(914)791-0067) (24 hours)**
E-mail: vladcons@state.gov

- **U.S. Consulate General Yekaterinburg:**

The U.S. Consulate General in Yekaterinburg is located at 15 Gogolya Street, Tel: [+7 \(343\) 793-001](tel:+7(343)793-001). You may contact the Consulate's ACS Unit by e-mail at ConsulYekat@state.gov or by fax at [+7 \(343\) 379-4515](tel:+7(343)379-4515), or visit the Consulate's website at <http://yekaterinburg.usconsulate.gov>. **For after-hours emergencies, you may call the Duty Officer at [+7 \(917\) 569-3549](tel:+7(917)569-3549).**

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